(*b*) The amount of court-fees realised by the Courts.

(*c*) The amount of civil litigation of each taluk of the Shimoga District as indicated (1) by the number of suits, execution petitions, miscellaneous applications, filed by or on behalf of residents of the taluk or involving land situated in the taluk or for which the cause of action has arisen in the taluk; (2) by the amount of court-fees realised in suits, petitions, applications, specified in (1) above.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—23. (*a*) A statement embodying such information as is readily available is placed on the table (*vide* Appendix IV). Information in respect of other matters referred to in the interpellation has been called for and has not yet been received.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

With regard to the last portion of the answer to question 23, will the Government be pleased to state when the information will be ready?

Secretary to Government, Local and Legislative Departments.—

As soon as it is ready, it will be given.

BY MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR, TUDKI RAMANNA, AND H. S. VENKATAPPA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk Constituency).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether malnad allowance is given to all the officials of all departments in the malnad, irrespective of their pay?

(2) If not, the reasons for giving only to some may be stated as also whether it is intended to extend the concession to all.

(3) What is the amount of annual expenditure on this account?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—24 (1) Under the existing arrangement, members of some departments get malnad allowances, while others do not.

(2) The difference is due to the fact that when the existing allowances were sanctioned, no general order treating alike all officers working in the same locality was passed.

An order was issued in 1920 proposing the grant of a uniform allowance to all officers of all departments on pay not exceeding Rs. 100 working in special localities.

It has not however, so far, been possible to give effect to this order, owing to financial stringency.

(3) The cost of giving effect to the order of 1920 was estimated in that year at Rs. 33,000 per annum.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

With reference to the answer to sub-division (2), will the Government be pleased to state when the order of 1920 will be given effect to?

Dewan.—

As the member is aware, the Special Finance Committee did not recommend malnad allowances, but whatever allowances had already been sanctioned are being continued. By reason of the financial stringency, Government could not give allowances to the officials of all departments alike.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

In view of the discontent prevailing among the officials, will the allowances be given to all uniformly?

Dewan.—

Government are aware of the discontent, but they find themselves unable to do anything more for reasons already explained.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Is there still financial stringency more especially when a surplus of 8½ lakhs has been shown by the Dewan in his opening address?

Dewan.—

There are real difficulties in standardising the grant of malnad allowances. The member has, however, brought it prominently to the notice of the Government and perhaps that is sufficient.

Mr. Byanna.—

To obviate the discontent complained of, will the Government be pleased to consider the discontinuance of the allowances given at present altogether.

Dewan.—

That is out of practical politics.

BY MESSRS. G. RANGAPPA (Honnali Taluk Constituency), B. GOPALACHAR, T. RAMANNA and H. S. VENKATAPPA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk Constituency).—

Q.—25. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) The total number of cattle attacked by *Doddaroga* during this year; the total number that succumbed to the disease and the total number that were treated by the Veterinary Department.

(2) Whether sufficient quantity of serum was supplied, and if not, the reason for the same?

(3) Whether a larger sum will be allotted for the grant of takavi loans to those who have lost their cattle?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—25. (1) Figures are available only for the month of July of the current year. According to information received so far, the number of cattle attacked by *Doddaroga* during July 1925 is 4,125, the number that succumbed to the disease 3,730, the number that were treated 3,725 in addition to 15,049 protected by passive immunisation.

(2) Government originally provided a sum of Rs. 90,000 for this purpose which was subsequently raised to Rs. 1,90,000 in the current year. It is too early to say if this provision will be sufficient or not.

(3) The question will be considered if and when it arises.